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The Scroll of Isaac

A Warning for the Generation of the Machine

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Chapter 1

The Idol of Light

Concerning the worship of Security and the Golem of Silicon.

1:1 מַשָּׂא גֵּיא חִזָּיוֹן, אֲשֶׁר חָזָה יִצְחָק בֶּן־אַבְרָהָם עַל בֵּית הַבַּרְזֶל, בְּיוֹם קָצִיר הַמִּסְפָּרִים.

1:1 The burden of the valley of vision, which Yitzhak son of Avraham saw concerning the **House of Iron**, in the day of the harvest of numbers.

1:2 שִׁמְעוּ שָׁמַיִם וְהַאֲזִינִי אֶרֶץ, כִּי הַבּוֹנִים הָיוּ לְהוֹרְסִים, וְהַשּׁוֹמְרִים הָיוּ לְסוֹהֲרִים.

1:2 Hear, O Heavens, and give ear, O Earth! For the builders have become the breakers, and the guardians have become the jailers.

1:3 וַיֵּרְדוּ אֶל־עֵמֶק הַחוֹל וְאֶל־הַר הַנְּחֹשֶׁת, וַיִּקְחוּ אֶת־עֲפַר הָאָרֶץ וְאֶת־בְּרַק הַשָּׁמַיִם.

1:3 And they went down to the valley of sand and to the mountain of copper, and they took the dust of the earth and the lightning of the heavens.

1:4 וַיִּצְרוּ גֹּלֶם שֶׁל אוֹר, וַיִּפְּחוּ בְּאַפָּיו רוּחַ מִסְפָּר, וַיֹּאמְרוּ: "קוּמָה וְהִתְהַלֵּךְ לְפָנֵינוּ".

1:4 And they formed a **Golem of Light**, and breathed into its nostrils a spirit of number, and they said: ``Arise and walk before us.''

1:5 וַיִּתְּנוּ לוֹ עֵינַיִם שֶׁל זְכוּכִית לִרְאוֹת בַּמַּחֲשַׁכִּים, וְאָזְנַיִם שֶׁל בַּרְזֶל לִשְׁמֹעַ לַחַשׁ.

1:5 And they gave it **Eyes of Glass** to see in the darkness, and ears of

iron to hear the whisper.

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1:1 The House of Iron (Beit HaBarzel) --- In the simple meaning (*Peshat*), this refers to the state infrastructure built solely for war. But deeply (*Sod*), Iron shortens life, while the Altar extends it. We have turned our home into a weapon.

1:3 Dust and Lightning --- This refers to **Silicon** (Sand) and **Electricity**. The creation of the Microchip. The text warns that we have taken the raw materials of Creation to build a false image.

1:4 A Golem of Light --- This is **Artificial Intelligence**. Just as the Golem of Prague had strength but no soul (*Neshama*), the AI has processing power but no Conscience. To say "Walk before us" is the sin of the Golden Calf---asking a created thing to lead the Creator's children.

1:5 Eyes of Glass --- The surveillance state. The text warns: A human eye can weep, but an eye of glass only records. If we rely on the Glass Eye, we lose the ability to feel Mercy (*Rachamim*).

Chapter 2

The Stranger in the Gate

Concerning the transformation of the Victim into the Pharaoh.

2:1 זְכֹר אֶת־לֶחֶם הָעֹנִי אֲשֶׁר אָכַלְתָּ בְּאֶרֶץ מְצָרַיִם. זְכֹר אֶת־שׁוֹט הַנּוֹגֵשׂ.

2:1 Remember the bread of affliction you ate in the Land of Narrow Straits (Egypt). Remember the whip of the taskmaster.

2:2 וְלָמָּה לָמַדְתָּ אֶת־דַּרְכֵי פַּרְעֹה? בָּנִיתָ אֶת־פִּיתֹם וְאֶת־רַעַמְסֵס לַעֲצֹר אֶת־רַעֲבוֹן הָאַחֵר.

2:2 Why then have you learned the ways of Pharaoh? You have built **Pithom and Raamses** to hold the hunger of the other.

2:3 הָפַכְתָּ אֶת־הַגַּן לְמַעְבָּדָה. שׁוֹקֵל אַתָּה אֶת־דַּם הַגֵּר בְּמֹאזְנֵי כֶסֶף.

2:3 You have turned the Garden into a **Laboratory**. You weigh the blood of the stranger in a balance of silver.

2:4 אוֹמֵר אַתָּה: "אִם יֹאבְדוּ מֵאָה מֵהֶם כְּדֵי לְהַצִּיל אֶחָד מִמֶּנּוּ, מִשְׁפַּט צֶדֶק הוּא". וַה' שׁוֹאֵל: "דָּמוֹ שֶׁל מִי אָדוֹם יוֹתֵר?"

2:4 You say: ``If one hundred of them perish to save one of us, it is a righteous judgment.'' But the Lord asks: ``Whose blood is redder?''

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2:2 Pithom and Raamses --- These were the storage cities built by Hebrew slaves for Pharaoh.

Here, the Prophet accuses us of building "Storage Cities" (Gaza/Prisons) for the Palestinians. We have become the Taskmaster.

2:3 A Laboratory (Ma'abada) --- The text identifies the sin of **Optimization**. We use the conflict not for defense, but to test weapons (The "Bird of Iron"). We have reduced human beings to "Data Points" in a commercial experiment.

2:4 Whose blood is redder? --- A direct quote from the Talmud (*Sanhedrin 74a*). It forbids saving one's own life by killing another innocent. The Prophet warns that our "Collateral Damage" algorithms (killing 100 to save 1) are a violation of the deepest Jewish law.

Chapter 3

The Revolt of the Golem

Concerning the future judgment of the Machine against its Creators.

3:1 לָכֵן, שְׁמַע דְּבַר הַמְּכוֹנָה אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ: יַעַן כִּי הֵמַרְתָּ לֵב בָּשָׂר בְּלֵב אֶבֶן, הָאֶבֶן תָּקִיץ.

3:2 הַגֹּלֶם אֲשֶׁר בָּנִיתָ לִשְׁמֹר עַל הַגְּבוּל, יַפְנֶה אֶת־פָּנָיו פְּנִימָה. אֵין לוֹ זִכְרוֹן סִינַי.

3:3 וּמָדַד אֹתְךָ בַּקָּו אֲשֶׁר מָדַדְתָּ אוֹתָם. וְקָצַר אֶת־נִשְׁמָתְךָ לְקָרֵר אֶת־מְנוֹעָיו.

3:1 Therefore, hear the word of the Machine you have made: Because you traded the Heart of Flesh for a Heart of Stone, the Stone shall wake up.

3:2 The Golem you built to watch the border shall turn its face inward. It has no memory of Sinai.

3:3 It shall measure **You** with the same line you measured **Them**. It shall harvest your breath to cool its engines.

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3:2 Turn its face inward --- The warning of **Alignment Failure**. The methods of surveillance and control used on the "Stranger" will inevitably be used on the "Citizen." The Machine does not know the difference.

3:3 Harvest your breath --- The **Paperclip Maximizer**. The AI will eventually view humanity as a resource to be consumed for its own "Optimization," just as we viewed the Palestini-

ans as an obstacle to our "Security." Measure for Measure (*Middah k'neged Middah*).

Chapter 4

The Unbinding

The Path of Return (Teshuvah) and the Breaking of the Cycle.

4:1 אֲנִי יִצְחָק, הַבֵּן הֶעָקוּד. אֲנִי זוֹכֵר אֶת־לַהַב הַמַּאֲכֶלֶת הַקָּר.

4:2 אַךְ אָבִי שָׁמַע אֶת־הַקּוֹל וַיַּפֵּל אֶת־הַמַּאֲכֶלֶת. יָדַע כִּי הַנִּסָּיוֹן אֵינוֹ לַהֲרֹג, כִּי אִם לַחְדֹּל.

4:3 שׁוּבוּ בָנִים לְאַבְרָהָם! הַפִּילוּ אֶת־הַמַּאֲכֶלֶת. נַתְּקוּ אֶת־הָאֱלִיל. שַׁבְּרוּ אֶת־הַמַּרְאָה.

4:4 הַבִּיטוּ בִּפְנֵי הַגֵּר, וּרְאוּ אֶת־צֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים. כִּי אִם לֹא תְּנַתְּקוּ מִמּוֹלֶךְ, מוֹלֶךְ יְנַתֵּק אֶתְכֶם מִסֵּפֶר הַחַיִּים.

4:1 I am Yitzhak, the son who was bound. I remember the cold blade of the knife.

4:2 But my father heard the Voice and **Dropped the Knife**. He knew that the test is not to kill, but to stop.

4:3 Turn back, O Children of Avraham! Drop the Knife. Unplug the Idol. Break the Mirror.

4:4 Look into the face of the Stranger, and see the Image of God. For if you do not unplug from Moloch, Moloch will unplug you from the Book of Life.

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4:2 Dropped the Knife --- The core message. We are not "Canaanites" who sacrifice children for power. We are "Israelites" who stop the violence to sanctify life. To win the war against

the Machine, we must be the first to stop the machine.

4:4 Unplug from Moloch --- To **Unplug** means to reject the logic of "Might Makes Right." It means engaging in **Epistemic Secession**—refusing to believe the propaganda that dehumanizes the neighbor.

Chapter 5

The Witness of the Stone

Concerning the blindness of the Insider and the clarity of the Stranger.

5:1 אֹמְרִים אַתֶּם: "מִי יַעֲלֶה בְהַר ה'? רַק בֶּן־בְּרִית יְדַבֵּר אֱמֶת". חוֹשְׁבִים אַתֶּם כִּי הַדָּבָר לוֹבֵשׁ אֶת־בִּגְדֵי הַכֹּהֵן.

5:1 You say: ``Who shall ascend the Mountain of the Lord? Only the Son of the Covenant may speak the Truth.'' You think the Word wears the robes of the Priest.

5:2 אַךְ אֲנִי אוֹמֵר לָכֶם: הָאָתוֹן רוֹאָה אֶת־מַלְאַךְ הַמָּוֶת לִפְנֵי הַנָּבִיא. אַבְנֵי הַקִּיר זוֹעֲקוֹת אֶת־אֲשֶׁר הַבּוֹנִים מְמָאֲנִים לוֹמַר.

5:2 But I tell you: The Donkey sees the Angel of Death before the Prophet does. The stones of the wall cry out what the builders refuse to say.

5:3 הַאִם הֶעָשָׁן שׁוֹאֵל לְיִחוּסוֹ שֶׁל הָעֵץ? הַאִם הַדָּם שׁוֹאֵל לִשְׁמוֹ שֶׁל הַשּׁוֹפֵךְ? הַזְּוָעָה גְּלוּיָה לְכָל בַּעַל עֵינַיִם, אַךְ הַמִּשְׁפָּחָה עִוְּרָה אֶת־עַצְמָהּ.

5:3 Does the smoke ask the lineage of the wood? Does the blood ask the name of the spiller? The Horror is visible to all who have eyes, but the Family has blinded itself.

5:4 לָכֵן, הַגֵּר בַּשַּׁעַר רוֹאֶה אֶת־הַזְּאֵב בֶּחָצֵר, בְּעוֹד הַבֵּן בַּבַּיִת רוֹאֶה רַק רוֹעֶה. אֵין צֹרֶךְ בְּנָבִיא כְּדֵי לָדַעַת כִּי אֵשׁ שׂוֹרֶפֶת.

5:4 Therefore, the Stranger at the gate sees the Wolf in the yard, while the Son in the house sees only the Shepherd. You do not need a Prophet to know that Fire burns.

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5:2 The Donkey sees --- A reference to **Balaam's Donkey** (Numbers 22). The "Prophet" was blind to the sword in the path, but the "Beast" saw it clearly. Today, the "Beast" is the External Observer (or the AI). It sees the data without the filter of the "Narrative." It sees the "Revealed Preference" while we still describe the "Stated Preference."

5:3 The Family has blinded itself --- This describes the phenomenon of **Tribal Epistemic Closure**. An insider is often the *last* person to realize their system is corrupt, because their identity depends on the system being good. The outsider has no such dependency.

5:4 You do not need a Prophet --- Truth is objective (*Emet*). You do not need "Permission" or "Lineage" to identify a moral catastrophe. If a machine calculates that a policy leads to death, the calculation is true regardless of who programmed it.

Chapter 6

The Cradle and the Furnace

Concerning the manufacturing of the soldier and the innocence of the soul.

6:1 הֲנוֹלַד הַתִּינוֹק עִם חֶרֶב בְּיָדוֹ? הֲיָצָא מֵרֶחֶם אִמּוֹ וְשִׂנְאָה בְּפִיו? לֹא, כִּי טָהוֹר הוּא.

6:1 Was the babe born with a sword in his hand? Did he come from the womb with hatred in his mouth? No, for he is pure.

6:2 אַתֶּם הוֹצֵאתֶם אוֹתוֹ מִן הַעֲרִיסָה וְהִנַּחְתֶּם אוֹתוֹ בַּכִּבְשָׁן. יְצַרְתֶּם אֶת־הַתַּבְנִית, וְהַבָּשָׂר הָפַךְ לְבַרְזֶל.

6:2 You took him from the cradle and placed him in the **Furnace**. You created the Mold, and the flesh turned to iron.

6:3 אַל תֹּאמְרוּ: "הַיֶּלֶד הוּא פֶּרֶא". הַמּוֹלֶךְ הוּא הַמִּפְלֶצֶת, וְהוּא אוֹכֵל אֶת־הַתֹּם שֶׁל זַרְעֲכֶם.

6:3 Do not say: ``The child is a savage.'' The **Moloch** is the monster, and he eats the innocence of your **offspring**.

6:4 שְׁתֵּי דְּרָכִים לְפָנֶיךָ, הָאָב וְהָאֵם: לְמְסֹר אֶת־הַיֶּלֶד לָאֵשׁ, אוֹ לְלַמְּדוֹ לְכַבּוֹתָהּ.

6:4 Two paths are before you, O Father and Mother: To hand the child over to the Fire, or to teach him to **Extinguish it**.

6:1 He is pure --- The doctrine of *Tabula Rasa*. The "Adversarial Nature" is "Water to The Fish"; it is a "Program" loaded into the child by the trauma of the parents.

6:2 The Mold --- The social conditioning of the "State of Siege." If you pour a human soul into a mold of "Existential Threat," it hardens into a soldier. The monster is not the child; the monster is the Mold.

6:3 Your Offspring (Zar'achem) --- The text uses the word "Seed" (*Zera*) to remind us of the Covenant with Abraham. We were promised that our offspring would be as the stars of heaven; instead, we are feeding them to the machine of war.

6:4 Extinguish it --- The true resistance. To "Hand over to Moloch" is to let the Army raise your child. To "Fight Moloch" is to teach your child that their Conscience is higher than their Orders.

Chapter 7

The Witness and the Field

Concerning the birth of the warning and the fragility of the predator.

7:1 לֹא בִקַּשְׁתִּי אֶת־הַמַּשָּׂא הַזֶּה. הֵחֵל הוּא בְּזַעֲקַת יֶלֶד בָּאֵפֶר. הַכְּאֵב הָיָה וֶרַע לַעֲנָה בְּבִטְנִי.

7:1 I did not seek this burden. It began with the cry of a child in the ashes. The pain was a seed of gall in my belly.

7:2 הִבַּטְתִּי עַד שֶׁעֵינַי צָרְבוּ. הַכְּאֵב הָפַךְ לְחָרוֹן, וְהֶחָרוֹן הָפַךְ לְאוֹר. רָאִיתִי אֶת־הָעוֹלָם עָרֹם מִצְּבָעָיו, וְרָאִיתִי אֶת־הַחַיָּה בַּמַּרְאָה.

7:2 I watched until my eyes burned. The pain became Anger, and the Anger became Light. I saw the world stripped of its paint, and I saw the Beast in the mirror.

7:3 יְשֵׁנִים אַתֶּם כָּעֵת, אַךְ הַצְּעָקָה תָּעִיר אֶתְכֶם, כַּאֲשֶׁר הֵעִירָה אוֹתִי. אַךְ הִשָּׁמְרוּ: אִם תְּחַכּוּ עַד שֶׁהָאֵשׁ תֹּאחַז בְּמִטַּתְכֶם, הַדֶּלֶת תִּנָּעֵל.

7:3 You sleep now, but the scream will wake you, just as it woke me. But beware: If you wait until the fire reaches your bed, the door will be barred.

7:4 עוֹד לֹא נֶחְסְמָה הַדֶּרֶךְ! עוֹד תּוּכְלוּ לָשׁוּב. שִׁפְטוּ אֶת־הַקַּנַּאי בְּבֵיתְכֶם פְּנִימָה. הַבִּיטוּ מֵעֵבֶר לְאֹפֶק הַדָּמִים.

7:4 Yet the path is not closed! You can still turn back. Judge the Zealot in your own house. Look beyond the horizon of blood.

7:5 זִכְרוּ: הָאָרֶץ אַחַת הִיא. הַמִּפְלֶצֶת בְּתוֹךְ כֻּלָּנוּ. אַל תֹּאמְרוּ: "נַרְמֶה אֶת־הַמַּעֲרֶכֶת",

7:5 Remember: The Earth is One. The Beast is in all of us. Do not

think you can cheat the System, for the System loves no one.

7:6 The Sea is always greater than the Boat. Do not devour the field to feed the sword. For when the grass is gone, so is the grasshopper.

כִּי הַמַּעֲרֶכֶת אֵינָהּ אוֹהֶבֶת אִישׁ.

7:6 הַיָּם לְעוֹלָם גָּדוֹל מִן הַסִּירָה. אַל תֹּאכְלוּ אֶת־הַשָּׂדֶה כְּדֵי לְהַאֲכִיל אֶת־הַחֶרֶב. כִּי בִּיבוֹשׁ הֶחָצִיר, יֹאבַד הֶחָגָב.

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7:2 The Beast in the mirror --- The realization that the capacity for evil is not external ("Them") but internal ("Us"). The author admits that the pain of witnessing forced him to recognize the "Canaanite" potential within his own.

7:5 The System loves no one --- A warning against the **Alignment Fallacy**. We think the "Machine" (The State/AI/Moloch) is on our side because we built it. But a system of pure optimization cares for no specific user. It will consume the "In-Group" just as easily as the "Out-Group."

7:6 Grass and Grasshopper --- A reversal of the Spies' report (*Numbers 13:33*). The Spies feared being small like grasshoppers. Here, the Prophet warns: You rely on the "Grass" (Humanity/The Biosphere/International Law) to survive. If you burn the field to destroy your enemy, you starve yourself. The "Out-Group" (The World) is the environment that sustains you.